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The water supply is still inadequate and of poor quality. Just now there are many dry cisterns and families that have always used cistern water will have to use the aqueduct water. This water, as heretofore reported, is of poor quality.

No steps have been taken to secure a sewerage system and without outside assistance the municipal government can not construct a sewerage system.

This port is still without a quarantine station and passengers arriving here from infected ports are detained on board of the disinfecting barge.

The provincial health authorities have recently called attention to the general unsanitary conditions existing about sugar estates in this province and a general cleaning up is going on on these estates. I have visited two of these estates situated near this place and can say great improvements are being made.

*Reports from Habana—Inspection of vessels—Vessels from which passengers were landed at Triscornia quarantine station and sent to hospital—Mortuary statistics.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Delgado reports, February 2 and 9, as follows:

*Week ended January 28, 1905.*

Vessels inspected and bills of health issued.....	26
Crew of outgoing vessels inspected.....	1, 979
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected.....	732
Pieces of freight passed (salted hides).....	376

Since January 9 the following vessels have landed at the quarantine station of Triscornia passengers who were sick and sent to hospital for treatment:

January 9, steamship *Vigilancia*, 1 passenger with tuberculosis.

January 18, steamship *Manuel Calvo*, 1 passenger with grippe.

*Mortuary report of Habana for the week ended January 28, 1905.*

Disease.	Number of deaths.
Tuberculosis .....	25
Meningitis .....	1
Pneumonia .....	3
Enteritis .....	3
Cancer .....	2
Laryngitis .....	1

Total number of deaths from all causes, 100.

*Week ended February 4, 1905.*

Vessels inspected and bills of health issued.....	25
Crew of outgoing vessels inspected.....	1, 322
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected .....	857
Pieces of freight passed (salted hides) .....	1, 000

The following vessels landed sick passengers at the quarantine station of Triscornia, who were sent to hospital for treatment:

January 23, steamship *Monterey*, 1 passenger with dysentery.

January 31, steamship *Manuel Calvo*, 1 passenger with febricula.

January 31, steamship *P. Augusto*, 1 passenger with febricula.

*Mortuary report of Habana for the week ended February 4, 1905.*

Disease.	Number of deaths.
Tuberculosis .....	19
Meningitis .....	6
Bronchitis .....	3
Cancer .....	4
Enteritis .....	4
Pneumonia .....	11
Enteric fever .....	1
Cachexia .....	2

Total number of deaths from all causes, 107.

*Report from Matanzas—Inspection of vessels—Steamship Somerford from Colon via Cardenas held in precautionary quarantine—Measles, diphtheria, and scarlet fever—Mortuary statistics—Summary for month of January, 1905.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Nuñez reports February 7 as follows:

During the week ended February 4, 1905, bills of health were issued to 6 vessels bound for United States ports.

The British steamship *Somerford*, which arrived in this harbor February 2, from Colon, Republic of Panama, via Cardenas, Cuba, was held in precautionary quarantine while in this port. She left for New York direct on February 3 with no sickness on board.

During the past week there were officially reported in the city 15 new cases of measles and 2 of diphtheria.

*Mortuary statistics of the city of Matanzas for the period from January 20 to 31, 1905.*

Cause of death.	Number.	Bertillon number.
Tuberculosis, pulmonary .....	3	27
Broncho-pneumonia .....	3	92
Enteritis, infantile .....	1	105
Glycosuria .....	1	50
Debility, congenital .....	2	150
Uremia .....	3	120
Tetanus, infantile .....	1	72
Scarlatina .....	1	7
Hemoptysis .....	1	99
Cancer of the uterus .....	1	42
Lesion of heart (unqualified) .....	1	79
Arterio-sclerosis .....	1	81
Pott's disease .....	1	30
Senility .....	2	154
Total .....	22	

Annual average of mortality per mille, 16.72; estimated population, 48,000.

During the month of January, 1905, 24 bills of health were issued to vessels clearing for the United States, having an aggregate of 617 crew, and 112 passengers in transit for various ports of this island. No vessel cleared for the Canal Zone, nor for the Republic of Panama, therefore no health certificates were issued.

The health of the city during the month has been good, and its sanitary condition is beginning to show a marked improvement since the new system of cleaning and sanitation was inaugurated.

The contagious diseases officially reported in the city during the